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SUBJ: COURTESY CALL BY SYRIAN DIPLOMAT AT AMERICAN EMBASSY

1. NEWLY ARRIVED SYRIAN DIPLOMAT TOUFIK SALLOUM OF SYRIAN EMBASSY BUDAPEST MADE COURTESY CALL ON PSO NOVEMBER 20. IN STEP WHICH OBVIOUSLY HAS NOT OCCURRED IN BUDAPEST FOR A LONG TIME, IF EVER, SYRIAN DIPLOMAT INCLUDED AMEMBASSY AMONG EARLY COURTESY CALLS AND CAME WITH A HIGHLY FRIENDLY AND OPEN APPROACH WHICH INCLUDED FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO IMPROVING US-SYRIAN RELATIONS AND THE ROLE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER IN MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS. SALLOUM STATED THAT IN HIS PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT AT THE SYRIAN

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MFA IN DAMASCUS HE HAD PLAYED SOME ROLE IN THE

US-SYRIAN NEGOTIATIONS AND THE VISITS BY THE SECRETARY.

2. SALLOUM MADE A HIGHLY ARTICULATE AND IMPASSIONED CASE FOR THE SYRIAN AND THE PALESTINIAN POINT OF VIEW IN THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION NOT IN A COMBATIVE BUT RATHER IN A CONCILIATORY TONE. EMBOFF REPLIED WITHOUT ENTERING INTO GREAT DETAIL ON SUBJECT BY STRESSING THAT USG POLICY WAS TO PROMOTE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THAT ISRAEL ALSO HAD VITAL LEGITIMATE INTERESTS WHICH COULD NOT BE IGNORED.

3. THE VISIT CONTINUED ALONG FRIENDLY AND AMIABLE CHANNELS THROUGHOUT, AND ON DEPARTING SALLOUM EXPRESSED HOPE OF MAINTAINING FREQUENT CONTACTS ACCORDING TO QUOTE NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CUSTOMS UNQUOTE.
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